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SUBJ: LOCKHEED--SENSATION ABOUT ALLEGED CIA INVOLVEMENT

1. PUBLICATION APRIL 2 BY NEW REPUBLIC MAGAZINE
AND NEW YORK TIMES OF ALLEGATIONS THAT CIA WAS
INVOLVED WITH KODAMA AND OTHERS IN LOCKHEED PAYOFFS,
PAYMENTS TO JAPANESE POLITICAL PARTIES AND FINANCIAL
SUPPORT OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER KISHI TRIGGERED
RENEWED STORM OF REPORTS AND COMMENTARY IN JAPANESE PRESS
AFTERNOON APRIL 2 AND APRIL 3. INTRODUCTION OF
CIA ANGLES PERMITS RAPIDLY SPREADING SPECULATION GOING
BEYOND CONFINES OF LOCKHEED CASE PER SE. ALTHOUGH PRESS HAS
REPORTED CIA'S DENIAL OF INVOLVEMENT IN
LOCKHEED BRIBERY OPERATIONS AND ISHI'S IMMEDIATE
DENIAL OF CHARGES THAT EITHER HE OR LIBERAL
DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAD BEEN RECIPIENT OF CIA FUNDS TO
ASSIST IN 1958 ELECTION CAMPAIGN, PAPERS HAVE TURNED
HAPPILY TO SPECULATION ABOUT CIA PRESENCE IN JAPAN AND
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ACTIVITIES REACHING BACK TO BEGINNING OF POSTWAR

PERIOD.

2. ASAHI MORNING EDITION APRIL 3 FRONG-PAGED SIGNED
PIECE BY MATSUYAMA, ASAHI WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT
(ALSO PRINTED IN ENGLISH ASAHI EVENING NEWS APRIL 3).
UNDER HEADLINE "CORRUPT NATURE OF POSTWAR JAPAN-US
TIES EXPOSED," MATSUYAMA REFERRED TO NYT REPORT TO
SUPPORT BELIEF IT SHOWS JUST HOW CORRUPT RELATIONSHIP
HAS BEEN "AT THE VERY BASE." HE SAID THAT, IN ATMOSPHERE
OF COLD WAR, US EMBASSY IN TOKYO HAS HAD TWO FACES,
ONE THE FACADE OF A JAPAN-US EQUAL PARTNERSHIP AND
THE OTHER "ANYTHING GOES" MACHINATIONS TO BOLSTER
THE ANTI-COMMUNIST CONSERVATIVE REGIME IN JAPAN.
MANY JAPANESE, THE ARTICLE SAID, WONDERED WITH
SENATORS CHURCH AND PERCY HOW KODAMA COULD BE SO
INFLUENTIAL AGAINST THE KNOWN US POLICY STRONGLY
OPPOSING A REVIVAL OF MILITARISM IN JAPAN. MATSUYAMA
SAID KODAMA WAS ENABLED TO OPERATE DURING POSTWAR
YEARS BY AMERICAN POLICY. JAPANESE CONSERVATISM WAS
PREVENTED BY THE POWER OF AMERICAN MONEY FROM
DISSOCIATING ITSELF FROM PREWAR RIGHTEST
MILITARISM, RESPONSIBLE AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAVE
CONDONED THESE ACTIVITIES, HAVE "SAID ONE THING WHILE
DOING ANOTHER" BY THEIR FAILURE TO SPEAK OUT.
FEAR OF THE TRUTH OF THE CIA HISTORY MUST HAVE
BEEN PART OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MOTIVATION IN
OPPOSING THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THE NAMES OF
HIGH-RANKING JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ALLEGED
TO HAVE TAKEN BRIBES FROM LOCKHEED.

3. IN PAGE 3 FEATURE APRIL 3 ASAHI QUOTES JAPANESE
INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITIES AS BASIS FOR REPORT THAT
JAPAN OFFICE OF CIA IS LOCATED IN EMBASSY ANNEX AND
IS CALLED REGIONAL PROGRAM ANALYSIS OFFICE. HEAD
OF THE OFFICE IS SAID TO BE TREATED AS A COUNSELOR
OF EMBASSY. NUMBER OF CIA PERSONNEL IN JAPAN IS
40 OR 50. CIA'S TOKYO OFFICE IS CHARGED WITH
MANAGEMENT OF CIA ACTIVITIES IN EAST ASIA, ONE REASON
THE NUMBER OF AGENTS ACTUALLY WORKING IN JAPAN IS
SMALL. CIA'S MAIN ACTIVITIES ARE THE COLLECTION OF
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POLITICAL INFORMATION PARTICULARLY CONCERNING THE
FACTIONS IN THE LDP. USG IS SAID TO RELY MAINLY ON
US MILITARY IN JAPAN FOR MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND
NORMALLY PUBLISHED SOURCES FOR ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE.
ARTICLE ALSO CHARGES CIA WAS INFORMED ABOUT THE 1973
KIM T'AE-JUNG INCIDENT IMMEDIATELY AFTER IT
OCCURRED AND WAS ACTIVE IN EFFORTS TO PROTECT HIS
LIFE EVEN BEFORE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES KNEW WHERE HE

HAD BEEN TAKEN.

4. COMMENT: AS IRRELEVANT AND FOLLISH AS MUCH OF
THIS SPECULATION IS, IT FINDS AVID INTEREST AMONG
JAPANESE READERS AGAINST A LONG BACKGROUND OF OCCASIONAL
REVIVALS OF THE SUBJECT. EMBASSY WILL ADHERE TO A
RIGID "NO COMMENT" RULE IN RESPONSE TO EXPECTED PRESS
APPROACHES.
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